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Alden Hall Fills with Christmas Cheer

by Stephen Nelson
Newspeak Staff

Last Thursday night the WPI Brass Choir, Saxophone Ensemble, Stage Band and Wind Ensemble filled Alden Hall with the sounds of Christmas, Jazz and Bach.

The program began with the brass choir, under the direction Douglas Weeks, playing several traditional Christmas pieces including "In Excelsis" and "Do You Hear What I Hear." They were followed by the Saxophone Ensemble lightening the mood with a rendition of "Cakewalk" and Bach's "Fugue in C Minor."

The Stage Band directed by Rick Falco delighted the audience with some interesting renditions of the usual Christmas favorites. The crowd was delighted by such pieces as "Swingin' Shepherd Blues." The Wind Ensemble, directed by Douglas Weeks, closed the performance with "Alleluia Laudamus Te," "Sleigh Ride," Holst's "Mars," and a piece called "Big Band Dixie," which featured a dixie land band playing several jazz pieces.

Attendance was light due to the unexpected snowfall, but those who missed it can see it when it is broadcast on the Worcester Cable system sometime this week.



WPI Stage Band plays "Swingin' Shepherd Blues" at last week's Christmas Concert.

PHOTO BY PHILIP SHELTON

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Academic Committee to Publish Project Booklet

by Mark Osborne
News Editor

To assist WPI students in their selection of I.Q.P.s and M.Q.P.s, the academic committee will publish a student guide to the WPI project system. Scheduled to be distributed to students during C-term, it will describe all of the phases of project selection, from finding a topic to choosing an advisor and project partners. The committee, presently chaired by Peter Mullen ('89 CE), held an open forum last week (at which only five students attended), and then brought its plans to several project center coordinators at a meeting last Thursday. Project center members involved included Ann Garvin, Frank Lutz, Lance Schacterle, and D. Woods. Dean of Undergraduate Studies William Grogan also attended.

Despite the disappointing turnout to the student meeting, the committee has a number of ideas for the guide. These include:

1) Better listing of topics (Where can they be found?)

- 2) Providing a list of past topics
- 3) Improving the use of division and area designations for I.Q.P.s
4. Giving students a list of available project advisors and their areas of research interest
5. Publishing information about project-related costs and how they may be dealt with
6. More information related to registration (When/where/how)

In addition to the publication of the guide, the committee is seeking to improve the project system in general. In conjunction with the project center, the committee will be discussing changing the I.Q.P. presentation format presently found in the Undergraduate Catalog. Also slated for discussion include the addition of another project registration period in the fall, as well as fostering better communication between advisors and project students. Further meetings between the academic committee and the project center will take place in C-term.

WPI Wrestling Goes to 5-0

by Steve Graveline

Last week began the down side for the WPI wrestling team. They had just returned from the Coast Guard Invitational Tournament having placed 11th out of 16 teams. That's right, only 11th. As the results wandered around campus, many wondered what had happened to the dominating WPI wrestling team, which in recent years has placed not worse than third. Of course the excuse was placed on the competition at the tournament. And it's true, the tournament involved Division I teams such as Rutgers, Brown, B.U., Colombia and some of the top ranked Division II and III teams such as Springfield (Div. II), St. Lawrence and Albany State (Div. II). But, to most, including the WPI wrestling team, losing isn't just in their vocabulary.

So during the week they prepared themselves for the upcoming weekend quad meet with Harvard, UNH and New York (University CUNY); two more Division I teams and a Division III team all in one day. If they weren't careful WPI might find themselves losing again and completing the

pre xmas season on the negative side.

But what happened this past weekend escaped the potential negative situation. When the day was over WPI had 3 more victories and increased their record to 5-0.

But it wasn't easy as the scores will indicate. WPI faced Harvard first, figuring it would be the toughest master of the day. Todd Wyman (118lbs) began the day with a 5-2 victory over Mike Meade, giving the Engineers a 3-0 lead. Don Pagel followed next with a close 12-10 win followed by Jason Benoit who pinned Chris Thone and Bobby Carroll who won 3-0. After 4 matches WPI had 15-0 lead. However, they now faced the toughest part of Harvard's line up, and after the next 4 bouts the score stood at 15-14. Then came WPI's heavy weight connection, Steve Graveline (190lbs) and Steve Hall (HWT). Graveline, who is known for "winning ugly", that is winning by one or two points, scored two points in the last 15 seconds of his match to win 5-3. Hall then came out to wrestle 276 lb Paul Weisan. Hall handled Weisan's weight superbly by not get-

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Founder's Christmas Party Full Of Spirit

by Stephen Nelson
Newspeak Staff

Due to technical difficulties, the Founder's Christmas Party did not start until 10 o'clock (instead of nine as scheduled). Other than the last minute delay, the party was an enjoyable experience for those who attended.

The Founder's Christmas Party was the brainchild of The Founder's Hall Residence Council. Jom Lamkins, Jeff May, Joe Fitzgerald, Kevin Callahan, Tom Currie, Kris Nygard, Kevin Earabino, Gave Karzka, and Becky Grimm worked in conjunction with

Cathy Sherry of SOCCOMM to create a great campus wide party which, unfortunately, little of the campus attended.

Farnum Street, with lead guitarist Terry Graham, Lee Lopes on the keyboard, Greg Mayo on bass and guitar, and lead vocalist Tom McCormick, although hampered by last minute technical difficulties, still managed to put on a show that pleased the majority of the crowd.

They energetically ran through songs by Pink Floyd, The Rolling Stones, several

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Sig Ep Holds Christmas Party For Pre-school Children

by Thomas Peterson

Sigma Phi Epsilon held a christmas party for the students of the Webster Square Day Care Center on December 9. The children involved ranged in ages from 3 to 6 years old. At the party they devoured a chicken dinner and patiently awaited Santa's arrival (patiently is a relative term when dealing with pre-kindergartners). Pete DeBellis found a new

girlfriend while the kids waited for Santa, Chrissy, a four year old, had stolen his hear away. In all the excitement, Gordon thought it was a good idea to punch a few brothers while he waited. Kimberly pulled a Lt. Col North and took the 5th when approached by a brother. Then the big moment arrived and Santa came down the chimney. The kids

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Big Brothers and Big Sisters host Christmas party

by Steve Borkowski
Newspeak Staff

Three years ago, Dean Brown, Father Peter Scanlon and Mr. Matthew Ryan, the guidance counselor of the Elm Park Community School, decided that there was a need for a Big Brother/Big Sister program between WPI and the grammar school. Initially, the program was started with eight students from WPI. The group has reached a peak membership of sixty students this past winter. The group now numbers approximately thirty students.

Since the Big Brother/Big Sister program's inception in 1983, Becker Junior College has started one that is similar in 1984 with Assumption following in 1985.

The student coordinators of the Big Brother/Big Sister program at WPI are Rajeev Kelkar and Cyndi Gould. The program is open to all WPI students. In order to participate in the program, these three steps must be followed:

A member must—

- 1) attend one of several informational meetings held throughout the year.
- 2) attend an interview with the director (Mr. Ryan), to match the student with a

child.

3) meet with the chosen little brother/sister and his parents, and sign a yearly contract.

The purpose of the Big Brother/Big Sister program is to provide children, of ages six to twelve, with an older person who provides guidance, understanding, and friendship. Most of the time, the big brother and little brother meet for two hours on a weekly basis. Activities include taking a walk to the art museum or the park, showing the child the facilities of WPI, or whatever the child happens to be interested in at the time.

In addition, they also meet as a group several times throughout the year. For instance, last year they held a Christmas party, an Easter party, a pizza party, a bowling party, movies, and a sports Saturday. The students and children were served sundaes at the end of each event.

This past Wednesday afternoon, December 10th, the groups of Big Brothers and Sisters and their little brothers and sisters from WPI, Becker Junior College, and Assumption College united for their annual christmas party. Held at the Religious Center, the students and children sang

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EDITORIALS

SAB Fund Dispersal Must be Watched Closely

Last week, *Newspeak* printed a short article submitted by the ski club. In this article, it was announced that "The ski club is expanding its activities to allow all WPI members, not just students, to participate in skiing events."

This implies that **anyone**: faculty; staff; grad students; and others can be a part of what once was an extremely exclusive organization (participation was limited to the nine best competitive skiers who tried out). Though the "opening up" of the ski club to all of the WPI community is a laudable action, one must ask, *Who is paying?*

In the case of the ski club, it appears that it is a combination of the ski club members and the Student Activities Board (SAB). The SAB would be funding 13% of the total cost for the activity, with the majority being borne by the students.

At the previous meeting of the SAB, the ski club requested \$2360 to use for transportation and lift tickets for members who would be participating on ski trips. (The SAB granted \$500 for transportation alone). Though this is not a large amount, the ski club members will certainly benefit from it.

The SAB has a limited amount of funds available for the use of its member organizations, and must therefore be judicious in its choice of activities to fund. The SAB receives all of its funds from the tuition paid by WPI's undergraduate student population.

The question of club membership returns. If the SAB is open to student organizations, in which "membership is only available to full time undergraduate students," (WPI Student Handbook), then the use of funds must be restricted to these members.

The ski club may presently be composed of only undergraduate students, but it was made clear that its activities are now open to all. If this is in fact the case, the SAB must insure that its funds are only used for the purpose for which they are intended.

The ski club is only being used as an example. Since the SAB funds a large number of clubs which appeal to persons in addition to undergraduates, perhaps there should be a mechanism by which they can participate.

Until that time, the SAB should supervise the use of its undergraduate funds, to insure that they are not directed to persons who have no right to them.

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Why Are We Here?

Do you like what you're doing? If not, then why the hell are you doing it?

Many people spend their entire lives doing things that they don't like doing, doing things for all the wrong reasons.

If you are working-your-ass-off here at WPI just because Mommy and Daddy want you to, then get the hell out. Living up to someone else's expectations is one of the worst reasons to do something unless there is some other reward to justify it.

It is understandable to be here for the money that you can make as an engineer, but don't fool yourself. If a job makes you miserable 24 hours a day, 250 days a year, for the rest of your life, is it not worth an extra ten grand a year. Better to be a little poorer and have a life worth living than to be "miserably" wealthy.

Syndicated columnist Richard Reeves calls our generation PUPPIES, Panicky YUPPIES, fearing that there is no place in the world for us and that we must take drastic measures to get all we can before the world falls apart.

This is not the time in our lives to worry. We have less to lose now than we do later on. Our parents' generation has the right idea; they are going back to school, changing careers, taking charge of their lives, and pursuing self-satisfaction. They are doing what they like doing.

Living for vacations is no life at all. An extra \$10,000 a year can't even pay for the psychologist, heart surgery, and ulcer treatment that an undesired job often leads to. And a few weeks of vacation in luxury cannot make up for the agony of an unfulfilling job.

Ask your professors. They have the right idea. Jobs in industry pay more, but teaching has non-monetary benefits which are not found in other occupations.

Some professors take consulting jobs, but they decide when and what job they will take. They do the jobs that they like doing, that are fulfilling in one way or another. If your professors didn't like their jobs, they would not (or should not) be here.

The teaching profession is not as respected as it once was, but your professors know the importance of good education. And it seems that the American public and industry leaders are once again realizing how important education is. (This should raise salaries and benefits for educators.) Knowing the importance of education is one of the factors which leads to the satisfaction which attracts professors away from higher paying, but less fulfilling occupations.

Are you satisfied with what you are doing? What do you expect to be doing when you graduate? It doesn't matter if anyone else is satisfied. Are you satisfied?

What is the worst thing that can happen to you if you don't pass all your classes this term? Is the very worst that can happen really all that bad? Considering the "worst case scenario" usually brings light to an otherwise thoughtless and exaggerated analysis of a situation. Making decisions based on self-induced, unrealistic fears is as useless as worrying about the uncontrollable past.

"If I don't AD (or get an A in) this class, no one will respect me, I won't get a job, I'll live in poverty and misery for the rest of my life."

While not everyone actually thinks this, many people act as if they do. What may be more important is how well the class will prepare you to do a job that you enjoy doing. How will your classes this term really affect you?

A better attitude is, "It's my life and for me to spend it in misery can not be bought at any cost." This is as easily done as said, if looked at realistically.

The past is no justification to continue doing something you don't want to, yet most people would rather suffer than change. Just because you've been miserable in the past doesn't mean you have to be miserable in the future.

Our generation has been criticized for being self-centered. But we haven't really been looking out for ourselves. We've been panicking over unrealistic fears, worrying about survival in a world in which we have little control.

We have learned from an earlier generation that making the world a better place borders on the impossible. They might have been less disappointed if they had try to make changes on a smaller scale.

We might not be able to change the world, but we can definitely make our own lives better.

LETTERS

Meeting Turnout Deplored

To the Student Body:

The Academic Committee would like to thank the four students (and the two unexpected faculty members) who attended the OPEN Forum on last Tuesday, December 9th. The purpose of it was to discuss any problems that are present in the Project System (projects, advising, registration, grading, etc.). These students offered some excellent suggestions and comments that were presented, along with some of the AC ideas,

to several directors from the Project Center on Thursday.

I'm sure the thousands of present and future students here at WPI would like to offer their own appreciation for the half an hour you sacrificed from your busy day. But something tells me they'll probably forget to mention it. And now that I've mentioned WPI (or at least what's left of it), I'd also like to thank the handful of students express-
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Categorization is Unfair

To the editor:

This letter is in reply to all previous letters stating that WPI and its members are apathetic. I am getting sick and tired of reading it over and over again. Who are these people anyway to categorize us in such a manner? Just because many of the school events do not appeal to the general public it does not mean that we are apathetic. I know someone will say, "Well, if you don't like it why don't you do something about it." The answer is very simple; I, as a grown up individual, capable of making my own choices, have decided what to do with my social life (in a fulfilling way to myself) and which does not include 100% involvement with school events. Now am I apathetic for not making SOCCOMM or other school events part of my life?

Everybody has a right to choose what suits them best and how to live their life. For in-

stance, I don't like hockey, so I don't follow it; that does not mean I am apathetic.

I am by no means trying to put down the SOCCOMM or their efforts. What I am trying to point out is that SocComm members and other people involved in social planning may not see that a lot of us don't really care for what you are doing. We like to live our lives the way we do, and if we do not accept your entertainment and activities, it is because we choose to do so, not because we are apathetic. Please don't take me wrong, but I would rather go out with a girlfriend and/or friends that participate in an unappealing event. But then again, that is my position.

Different events have different interests. Not all social events can be appealing to everyone. Non-involvement does not necessarily mean apathy.

F. Jimenez '89

COMMENTARY

Cynic's Corner Doesn't Anybody Listen?

by 'drew Ferriera
Newspeak Staff

Let me open this week with a most profound apology for last week's article. It was a horrendous mishmash of English words that barely followed any logical order or sense. I am very embarrassed at the low quality of last week's article. Could you all do me a favor and go about and destroy last week's **Newspeak**? Thanks. Of course this admission does not necessarily imply that this or any other week's article will be any better. But on to bigger and better things.

I was watching TV the other day with my apartmentmate. (Right now I am sure that the pulse and blood pressure of all three apartmentmates have gone up as they never know what I am going to write about them.) I noticed she was suffering from Microphone Syndrome. I saw all of the symptoms. She definitely had it.

What do you mean you don't know what Microphone Syndrome is? I am sure you have seen it. Most people suffer from it, at least while watching live sporting events on TV. It is a terrible mental condition where the sufferer thinks that there is a microphone near by carrying all of his words to the right people.

During the NBA playoffs last year, one of my roommates had a direct line to Robert Parish of the Boston Celtics. He would give the ultimate armchair coach signal of disapproval- the open mouth, outstretched arms with palms turned up and the emphatic "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, PARISH?"

I think we all at one time or another have screamed at the TV screen, and not just during sports events. When it comes to game shows, I am terminally infected with the Microphone Syndrome. Jeopardy is the worst. A typical repartee with Jeopardy goes like this: one contestant will be an computer analyst from Silicon Valley, another will be a 93 year old English teacher who recites

Shakespeare backwards and the third will be a greasy college student who has a 20.0 G.P.A. Invariably there will be one category that no one likes; except me. It will not be until the last minute they get to these good answers. The topic will probably be "19th Century Mathematicians" and the answer will be "Legend has it that he became so enraged at the stupidity of an examiner, he threw an eraser at him". The guys from Silicone Valley would buzz in and say "Who is Aristotle?" Nope. The English teacher would say "What is 'Be to not or be to'?" Sorry, grandma. The college student wouldn't try to answer. I would be dead on the floor of my apartment from a hernia that I got from lifting the chair to throw at the TV because no one heard me scream "EVARISTE GALOIS!!!!!"

Of course, Jeopardy is syndicated. That's why my microphone didn't work. There are other case where microphones don't work. Ever watch a horror flick where you see the demented murderer with the 21 inch steel blade dripping with blood from the neighbor's dog standing behind the stupid blonde co-ed in a flimsy nightie? Ever scream at her to turn around? Ever scream at her to run? Ever scream at her to take off her nightie? Did she ever listen to you? I doubt it (unless YOU were the demented murderer with the 21 inch steel blade dripping with blood from the neighbor's dog standing behind her.)

Next time you watch TV, watch yourself. I am sure you will let loose a snide comment directed at Sam or Diane. Don't worry. You aren't alone. We all do it.

Oh yes, before I go, I would like to take a moment to be sentimental. (Those of you who don't like to be sentimental can stop reading now). To Tony and Chris, who are graduating this term and entering the Rheal Whirled soon, I bid you good luck, peace and may you find a good accountant.

My View from the Fourth Estate On Newton's First Law . . .

by Joshua Smith
Newspeak Staff

Whining about apathy seems to have come back into style. It happens every now and then: somebody mentions apathy and everyone starts going, "Awww. Gee, guys. Don't you even CARE?" Well I don't. I don't care at all. SocComm can't get anyone to come to their silly concerts, and they whine that it's because WPI won't let them advertise. Who cares. Is that MY problem? No. I don't think so, thank you. Last week's issue was a real treat. I read this letter from a professor who thinks that the leaves on the campus should be cleaned up. Why bother? Does it really matter? If a prospective student gets turned off to WPI because there are leaves all over the place, that kid's got a problem. We're better off without him. I saw this flyer in the stairwell of Olin Hall. It said there was an open forum to discuss the project system at WPI. I bet there was a WHOPPING turnout for that one! Get real. It's the end of the term. Or better yet, a discussion of "Reagan's Middle East Policy." Now doesn't that sound like the kind of topic that WPI students would skip happy hour to hear about? Oh, yeah.

I think the administration spends a good deal of its time arranging to keep the apathetic:concerned ratio as high as possible. The goals statement is a good example. Why bother putting together a goals statement with no goals in it? Simple: the faculty will not pass a goals statement without goals, hence the goals statement can stay in committee indefinitely, occasionally making an appearance to reinforce its meaning, and then going back into committee for a few months. This can go on cyclically for years. The administration can then use this as a concern sink, whenever it needs to. If the "concerned student" meter gets into the red area, just bring out the goals statement, and the students will dump their concern into it. It's an apathy catalyst. So why would the administration develop such a weapon? What can this apathy catalyst be used for?

Apathy, one could argue, is analogous to inertia. Once the system stagnates, apathy will try to keep it from moving. For proof, I turn to the Federalist Papers. I remember one essay (I think it was one of Hamilton's) in which the author pointed out that people would rather suffer than change. That is, people would rather stick with what they have, no matter how lousy it is, than try to fix it. That implies that apathy is a natural state for human beings. People will keep the Status Quo, because they don't care enough to change it. An object at rest will tend to stay at rest.

The administrative goal is to keep the campus as volatile as possible. Keep changing

things all the time. The faculty are put in as a check to try to damp the oscillations, but their viscosity just isn't high enough. At this point it isn't particularly clear how apathy helps the administration, in fact it sounds like the administration would try to avoid apathy (after all, apathetic students resist change — and change is what the administration is after). If apathy attaches people to the Status Quo, you would think that would cause people to resist allowing a volatile system. But (and here's the sleight-of-hand) if the administration can establish "changing" as the normal state of the campus, then the apathetic student would resist anything that would put an end to the "changing." An object in motion will stay in motion! Neat trick. It does require that this "changing" state be firmly established, however, and that's not very easy to accomplish.

What the administration has to do, is somehow force the pendulum of change into motion despite the inertial resistance of apathy. The best way to do this is to steadily force non-changes down the throat of the system. Things like this new change to the grading system. For the most part, it doesn't really change anything. Yet it does alter the system. The fact that the system is being altered applies the necessary force to the pendulum to deflect it a little, while the non-change tendencies of the changes fool the apathetic inertia. If the administration makes these non-changes with a steady pace, the pendulum will be deflected a little more each time, and eventually it will be swinging back and forth with an 85 degree deflection, and apathy will actually keep it in motion. What an administrative dream. A completely volatile system with students who gripe about a lack of changes.

Do we have a chance? "If there is hope [wrote Winston] it lies in the faculty." The apathetic inertia can be easily overcome by the administrative tactic described above, so the only way the pendulum of change can be stopped is though the viscosity of the faculty. Right now the faculty are thin, sparsely scattered, oxygen and nitrogen atoms just floating around keeping out of the pendulum's way. But if they were to bond, and change from air to oil, the pendulum could be stopped. The world would be saved. Imagine it. A faculty uprising. Riots in the streets. Faculty marching, carrying signs saying "Stop the Changes. Bring back the Plan." World peace, an end to famine here and abroad, a lowered drinking age, it could all be ours . . .

Nah, why bother?

Oh yeah, by the way, Merry Christmas!

Boo-bü the Stick Figure by Brian Freeman

R STORY SO FAR...

... Boo-bü arrives at the "Come-as-your-favorite-CIA-Scandal" party as Lt. Col. Oliver North with his escort, Marie Therese, the Lathurgic circle as Adm. Poindexer....

Later, Boo-bü relates the progress of his quest to find the Ecirtaeb and their secret of keeping marshmallows fresh. His words are positive, the chroniclers note. The federal grant has come in and Bantam books has bought his journal rights. National Enquirer has also picked up the story....

...At the Fondue bowl, they make idle conversation with the Toothpick holder.


...you don't say.

I just did, but anyway....

...The party ends when The Last from Star Trek IV shows up with Leonard Nimoy dressed as William Casey. Local morality codes prevent the showing of the drunken indecencies caused by otherwise fine actors. Suffice to say that William Shatner does not a pretty General Richard Secord make.

-ANNOUNCING
The 1st annual Find-A-Job-For-George-Bush-In-1988 Contest. Prizes might be given. Send a piece of paper to **NEWSPEAK** ATTN: Boo-bü box 2700 with what you think would be the best job for someone who otherwise might be just another Terminal Welfare Case.

101 Uses For a Dead Advisor by Jane Knapp



#35 Floor Mop

Greek Corner

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

Congratulations to our sisters who were selected to go away to do their IQP's. oing to London are Danielle LaMarre, Kim Webber and Janis Berka. Selected for Washington, D.C. are Ann Mannarelli, Allison Moran, Bridget Sayce, Lori Deblois, Becky Grimm and Lisa Benoit. Glad to see you guys are keeping up tradition. Congratulations also to Karen Dion for being asked to join Epsilon Upsilon Pi.

Hey Jules, not as cranky this week? No scoops, Karen? We hope you won't be cranky! Still buzzing, Wendy? Did the scorpion bite leave any scars Bridget? Lynn,

don't forget about those drug tests. If Michelle doesn't want to be an engineer, she could always be a plumber. By the way, did you wash your hands yet? Is Sue's vent shut? Yikes, stay out!

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

Welcome back from Thanksgiving! A few notes of interest from Tauhouse. Firstly, congratulations to Mark Wartski and John Oldham on their recent pinnings. Good luck guys! ATO continues its quest for the Sports-cup, behind athletic chairman mentor, motivator, and all around god-like individual, Dan Hoaglund. On the party scene,

there are unconfirmed reports about something happening at ATO this Friday night (Dec. 12th). Ask your nearest brother for details. The Golden Crutch Club has a new member, Mark Guncille. We wish him luck during his recovery. Finally, a Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our own MA FELL, 29 and holding!!! We love you, ma! Till next week, 'tis the season...

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Happy Test Week, pledges!! Hi Ralph and Potsie (from Laverne and Shirley)!! Thanks to Patty and Tammy for the H.H. Congrats to Deb for a great job in Virginia... also congrats to the hoop team for beating BRIDGE-WATER! YEAH!!! The intramural hoop team is awesome—keep up the good work (those apes were worried!) Thanks Farrah. cindy, you should go out for varsity next year. Mur, here's your name in print... just like we promised! Thanks Julie, Aimee. Pledges... Alden looked great, super job Maria. Beautiful snowflakes all over!!

SIGMA PI

ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS!! An all points bulletin has gone out for our illustrious "Big Earle" who apparently skipped town before finishing some caricatures. Efforts thus far have been useless and the word on the streets indicates "Big Earle" is selling encyclopedias in the vicinity of Los Angeles. On a happier note the pledges were called down for "Help Week" but lacked in everything but utter silliness and were sent home. Needless to say the brothers enjoyed the event. In the event you haven't noticed any God-like, super-human structures roaming around the Worcester Area soliciting like madmen I would suggest you check your eyesight. The brothers have been out in force soliciting like non-stop locomotives in order to prepare for the second annual Miracle Mile to benefit Multiple Sclerosis. The event will be held on February 21-22, 1987. Everyone who is someone will be there. A

special thanks to Spencer Gifts which hosted our secret santa. A smelt is rumored to be hiding in the house somewhere courtesy of the "Trash Room." Congratulations to the Trash Room for winning the Southeastern State Finals in culinary concealment. Have a merry X-mas, a safe break, and a Happy New Year. KOKMUT?!

TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Congratulations all around this week!! First, to our 22 new brothers, initiated this past Saturday, Ken Bromfield, Nick Carparelli, Joel Chachkes, Bob Dzwil, Matt Evers, Carlos Fuentes, Roland Gibson, Dave Giordano, Sean Hogan, Pete Kofod, Aaron Konvisser, Gordon Lupien, Shawn McGivern, Ken O'Connor, Rich Orsi, Steve Paradise, Phil Sergey, Bob Song, Xavier Trevisani, Bob Ursillo, Jeff Weiss, and Dave Woodilla.

It's also time to announce our new officers for next semester:

President: Erik Engwall
Vice President: Brad Howard
Treasurer: Jeff Masoian
Secretary: Andy Ferreira
Chaplain: Pete Babigian
Sergeant-at-arms: Derek White
Historian: Jeff Curtis
Pledge Trainer: Mark Napiany

Good luck to the new officers, and many thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done.

We are very psyched to have received 21 Little Sister pledges, Charlotte Cody, Michele Dwyer, Debra Blair, Susan Shorey, Joelle Mook, Cheryl Leslie, Deborah Lee Carney, Maureen Brosnan, Heather Julien, Liz Wilson, Debbie-Jean Flokos, Ellen Bronson, Laurie Ray, Sue Gagne, She'ly Santucci, Jennifer Chiera, Celeste Picard, Kelly Latham, Shelli Voigt, Marcy LaBlanc, and Toni Silveira.

Finally, Congrats to our intramural bowling team for their first win of the season, 3-1 in a hard fought match with HFC.

Club Corner

FENCING

Last Saturday, December sixth, the WPI Fencing Club beat the Fairfield University Club 17-7 in their first home match in Alumni Gym. Team scores were as follows:

Foil 7-2
Epee 5-1
Sabre 5-4

Individual fencers who won all their matches were Pete Nordquist (Sabre), Brian Freeman (Epee), and Den Workaser (Foil). Also, this was the first meet for Rob Pettit (Epee), Mike Fuley (Foil), and Rob Wood (Sabre). Other WPI participants were Carl Hein (Sabre), and Ray Labbe (Foil). Special appreciation is given to Coach Brown for his impromptu directing, every fan that showed up and Lt. Colonel North for not.

HILLEL

Our Sunday afternoon Hanukkah party was a great success. A good time was had by all... WPI will be represented at two different programs during the winter break. Jeff Gornstein will be attending the four day Hillel Winter Institute Convention in Plam Beach and Andrew Gruskay will attend the three week Winter Seminar in Isreal sponsored by MIT and national Hillel. Complete details on both after break. Many people have been added to the roster. Watch your mailbox for a new roster and calendar of activities the first week or so of C term. HAPPY HANUKKAH!

OUTING CLUB

The WPI Outing Club saw a new face at this weeks meeting. Our guest this week was Ken Kimball, Director of Research for the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). The AMC has been in existence since 1876 and it has local chapters stretching from Washington, D.C. to Maine. The establishment of the White Mountain National Forest is the direct result of efforts of the AMC. In 1915 a large portion of what is now a national forest was clear cut for lumber or burned in carelessness. It was at this time that the AMC pushed for the establishment of the national forest in New Hampshire. The White Mountain National Forest as it has come to be called, was the first of many such forest areas to be set aside by the federal government. This was the first such action of this type taken by our government.

Beyond the short history lesson that we all got, this meeting was a perfect time for the

members of the outing club to see how broad the functions of the AMC really are. The AMC is responsible for maintaining over 150 miles of mountain wilderness trails in the White Mountain National Forest. They currently maintain 8 huts plus several lean-tos and information centers across the Mt. Washington Valley. Other than the usual association with hiking and climbing, the AMC is also very much involved with environmental conservation, research, and education.

Our speaker, Ken Kimball, who is presently acting as a representative to WPI from the AMC for IQPs and MQPs, showed a slide presentation followed by a question and answer session on the functions of the AMC. The slide show included pictures of all aspects of the AMC. Included were several pictures related to project work done by WPI students.

OC Treasurer, Mike Roberts (ME '88), is presently involved in an IQP with the IMC studying the effects of acid rain on the red spruce and balsam fir. This project is part of an ongoing project between WPI and the IMC which was started in 1983. At that time, a four person MQP group approached the IMC to help develop a device that would allow for the selective capture of cloud moisture from the air. This project was quite successful, so successful that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has adopted the cloud collector for all of their studies related to pollution where cloud moisture is needed.

Overall, the meeting was very successful. For any information about who to contact about additional projects or information about the IMC contact the WPI Outing Club. The annual Mt. Washington winter climb will be held the weekend following the first full week of C-term. The outing club would like to wish all a safe and happy (snowy) holiday season.

PATHWAYS

Attention! Pathways' winter issue is coming out the first week of C-term. The company that does our typesetting had a machine broken down for two weeks... so we were delayed. Ah! But you can wait till C term, can't you?

For the next issue we might have some exciting surprises. Stay tuned to the same bat-channel at the same bat-hour for more news....

How Not to Get a Parking Ticket

by Lisa Alpers
Features Editor

Does anyone know where to park after the winter parking ban takes affect? All of the following are answers to the above question but only one of them is correct.

- 1) Park on the even numbered side of the street.
 - 2) Park on the odd numbered side of the street.
 - 3) No parking is allowed on any streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. after December 1.
 - 4) No parking is allowed on streets with hills.
 - 5) Cars with even numbered license plates park on the even numbered side of the street and odd licenses on the odd side.
 - 6) If the street isn't level and slopes to one side, park on the down side of the slope.
- The reason behind this is if there is ice under your tires your car won't slide across street after it has been parked.
- 7) Park on the higher side of the street if it slopes, so your car won't be hit by the plow truck if the truck slides on the ice.

Apparently things were pretty slow for the Worcester Police cops last Saturday morning at 4:43 a.m. because that's when my car was ticketed for being in violation of the winter parking ban. I was parked on the even numbered side of the street.

In order not to get another ticket, I went down to Worcester Police Station in person to pay my ten dollar fine, and find out from the people who ticket your cars where cars are legally allowed to park after December 1.

Here what I found out:

- 1) You must park on the ODD numbered side of street after December 1.
 - 2) ALL exceptions to the above rule will be posted.
 - 3) Don't park on any streets that have been declared emergency arteries such as Institute and Lancaster, after December 1. The signs say no parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. but the police suggest not to park on them at all.
- When you do park your car on the odd numbered side of the street, you won't be fined for the winter parking ban unless there is a sign, but if things are really slow for the police you can get a ticket for any one of the following:

More than 12 inches from the curb. \$5 Facing the wrong direction. \$5 Within 20 feet of an intersecting way. \$10 Within 5 feet of a private road or driveway. \$10 Parking after 2 inches of snow. \$15 Interfering with snow removal. \$15 Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. \$15

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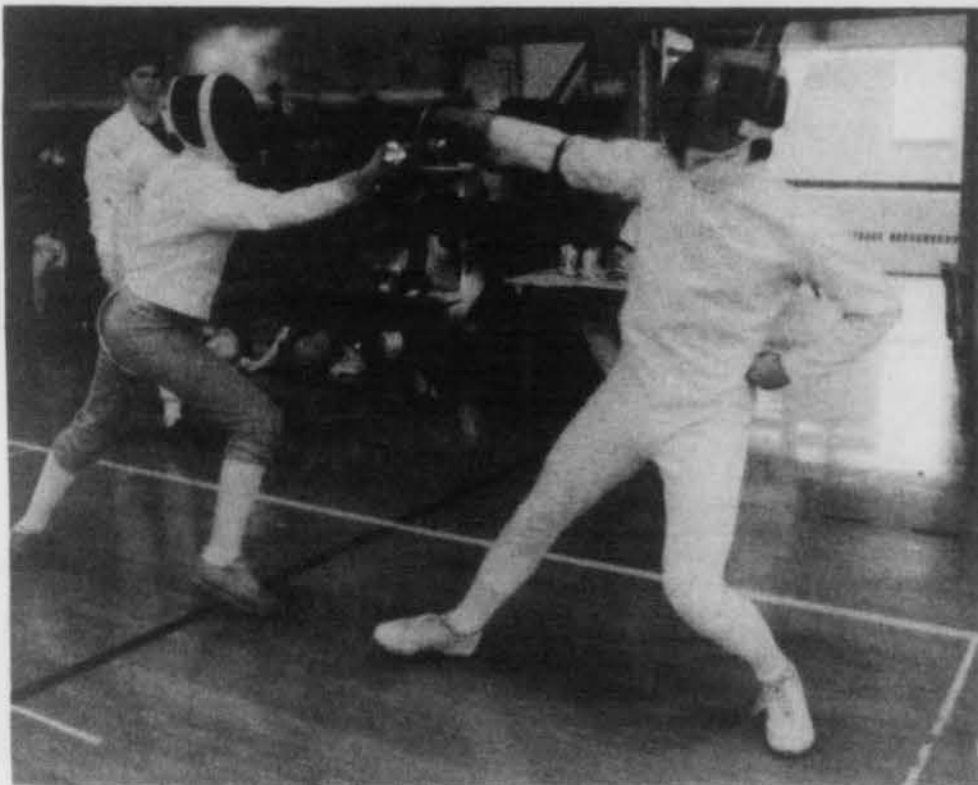
ting under him and won 7-0 to give WPI a 21-14 victory over Harvard.

Next came N.Y.U. who in no way compared (strengthwise) with Harvard. Coach Grebner, therefore, used a completely new lineup against N.Y.U. The result was a 45-3 victory for WPI. Rick Maguire (118lbs), Tom Sgammato (126lbs), Dave Daniels (150lbs), Seung-Ho Choi (177 lbs) all pinned their opponents. Bill Hughes (134lbs), Pat Burke (142lbs), Jeff Graveline (167lbs) all defeated their opponents. John Quint and Jim Rogers accepted forfeits. The only loss of the day came to Gutsy Paul Gibbons who weighed in at 158lbs, and because he wanted to wrestle, no matter where, went out at 190lbs and lost 9-2.

The final match of the day was with U.N.H., who had just defeated Harvard and N.Y.U. to also stand at 2-0 on the day. Again Todd Wyman began the match, however, he lost a close bout 7-5 to 4 foot tall muscle man, Mike Carracci. Don Pagel and Jason followed with nice victories each scoring 4

team points. Bob Carroll tied at 142 lbs. Mike Crispo lost a close one 5-3 and at the midpoint of the match the score stood at 10-8.

Next came Jack Curl and what had to be the pivotal match of the day. Losing in the early stages of his bout, Jack caught his opponent with a head lock and pinned him in the first period. That made the score 16-8. But it was far from over. U.N.H. were tough at 167lbs and 177lbs and with two matches to go, the score stood 16-17 in U.N.H.'s favor. Then again came the heavy weight connection. Steve Graveline again had an Ugly (3-2) win, but it was a win and the team score was now 19-17. Steve Hall then topped off the day pinning his opponent at 3:06 in the match causing him to leap at an exuberant WPI team, which quickly moved out of his way because nobody catches a flying heavyweight. Regardless, WPI has won its 3rd match of the day 25-17. The next home meet is Jan. 14, against Amherst, 7:00 p.m.



WPI's Carl Heim (right) attempts a stop hit against a Fairfield sabre attack during last Saturday's match.

SPORTS

Engineers Struggle as Their Record Drops to 3-3

by Jim Barry

In recent years, the men's basketball team has had great success at home in Harrington Auditorium. Their success at home, however, did not hold out this past week as the Engineers dropped two tough games to Amherst and Wesleyan. The Engineers began the week ranked seventh in New England among Division III teams. The team brought their 3-1 record against fifth ranked Amherst College last Tuesday night. The team got off to a slow start and trailed by as many as ten points midway through the first half. The Engineers poor shooting (31 percent in the first half) got them into trouble early, but some gritty play by Ken Willis and Jeff Ayotte (8 points and 5 rebounds each) pulled the team back to within four points by halftime.

The Engineers defense struggled early in the second half and the Amherst lead stretched to ten points at the thirteen minute mark. The teams exchanged baskets until Bill McCullen put together a run of two seventeen foot jumpers and a three point field goal to cut Amherst's lead to five with four minutes remaining. This would be as close as the Engineers would come as they were forced to foul Amherst since time was running out. Amherst hit most of their free throws, sealing WPI's fate, and taking the game 85-68.

The Engineers returned to Harrington Auditorium to play Wesleyan on Thursday

night. WPI's Bill McCullen and Mike McCourt found their shooting tough early and combined to push the Engineers out to an early 12-6 lead. The team shot an impressive 57 percent from the floor in the first half and should have dominated the less talented Wesleyan team. However, the Engineers gave Wesleyan too many second opportunities and easy shots and the home team led by a scant four points (36-32) at halftime.

The Engineers got off to a quick start in the second half led by junior forward Dan Sioui. Sioui tossed in two jumpers and tapped in a missed shot in the first minute and a half to put the Engineers up by eight. McCullen and Willis followed Sioui's lead and added jumpers of their own to push WPI up by twelve 46-34, with seventeen minutes remaining. The Engineers would keep a ten point lead until the ten minute mark, when Wesleyan made their run. Shots that were dropping in earlier in the game for the Engineers started to roll out and the team found their lead had shrunk to three points (62-59) with four minutes left. Wesleyan would score only four points the rest of the way, but it proved to be enough as the Engineers were shut out in the remaining minutes and had to take a heartbreaking 63-62 loss. Bill McCullen led all scorers with nineteen points while Mike McCourt chipped in ten.

WPI Women Lose Two in New York

by Peter Yap
Sports Editor

WPI women's basketball team suffered its first two losses of the season in Rochester, N.Y., but beat Bridgewater State. The team season record is 4-2.

WPI traveled to the University of Rochester to play in the Chuck Resler Tournament. The team lost 65-59 to top-seeded University of Rochester in the semi-finals, then dropped the consolation game to New York University, 78-63. Cindy Perkins was voted to the all-Tournament team.

The Engineers came back to Mass. and

beat Bridgewater State, 67-61. The leaders were Jody Normandin with 16 points Perkins with 14 points and 15 rebounds and Eileen Sullivan with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Individual leaders for WPI in statistics are Perkins, Cathy Murray and Jody Normandin. Perkins leads the Engineers in total points-89, points per game-17.8 and total rebounds-67. Murray tops the list in total assists-31, steals-18 and floor shooting percentage-51.8. Normandin is second on the team in scoring with 78 points and 15.6 points per game.

Bridgewater State vs. WPI

Dec. 9, 1986

Bridgewater State	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	TOT
K. McGovern	1	1	0	0	2	2
J. Runge	4	12	2	2	3	10
L. Buykin	2	5	0	0	1	4
M. Cawley	3	9	2	2	6	8
C. Bouzan	0	1	0	0	1	0
S. Bellon	1	3	4	4	2	6
K. Hantley	2	7	0	2	2	4
F. Leeman	5	16	2	2	7	12
L. Milkasian	4	6	1	2	5	9
K. Antonellis	3	4	0	0	1	6
Totals	25	63	11	14	30	61

WPI	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	TOT
Jody Normandin	5	12	6	6	2	16
E. Sullivan	6	12	1	2	7	13
C. Perkins	7	11	0	0	15	14
C. Murray	5	11	0	0	3	10
D. Carelli	1	2	0	0	1	2
K. O'Neill	5	9	0	0	3	10
J. Couture	1	2	0	0	4	2
Totals	30	60	7	10	35	67

Team	FG	FTA	Final
Bridgewater State	32	29	61
WPI	30	37	67

Amherst vs. WPI

Dec. 9, 1986

Amherst	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	TOT
Y. Groff	11	19	2	2	8	24
D. Birmingham	3	8	0	3	4	6
J. McCarthy	0	5	0	1	5	0
D. Mathieu	3	9	7	8	5	13
L. Candel	2	3	7	7	4	12
H. Lynch	2	5	1	2	3	5
D. Wasserman	8	17	5	7	5	21
J. Schnack	0	2	0	0	2	0
S. Saft	2	9	0	1	1	4
Totals	31	72	22	31	37	85

WPI	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	TOT
K. Willis	8	13	0	0	6	16
D. Sioui	0	2	1	2	4	1
C. Brunone	6	10	1	4	8	13
M. McCourt	5	8	0	1	1	10
B. McCullen	6	24	2	2	7	14
D. MacGregor	0	1	1	2	0	1
M. Sykes	2	2	1	2	4	5
J. Ayotte	3	8	2	2	7	8
S. McPadden	0	0	0	0	1	0
D. Mason	0	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	31	69	8	15	39	70

Team	FG	FTA	Final
Amherst	31	54	85
WPI	27	43	70

Sports Notes

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: The women's swim team won its first two home meets. The team led all the way through both meets and beat Babson College (65-30) and Westfield State (77-44). The relay team broke a six-year-old school record in winning the 400-meter freestyle in 4:07:12 versus Westfield (the previous record of 4:08:85 was set in 1979). The swimmers on that record-setting team were: Kim Kumitski, Diane Fryer, Mary Adair and Jennifer Tobin.

MEN'S SWIMMING: The men's swimming team dropped three dual meets to open the season. WPI was defeated by Holy Cross (60-35), Babson College (59-36) and Boston College (199-83). Miklos Kiss took first place in the 500-meter freestyle in all three meets

and won the 1000-meter freestyle against Holy Cross and Babson. WPI finished fourth in the seven team RPI Invitational. Tom Maneval qualified for the post-season New England Championships by clocking a 2:14:47 in the 200-meter backstroke.

INDOOR TRACK: WPI track team has taken second place at two multi-team meets to open season. WPI finished second to Tufts and MIT. Individual winners at the Tufts meet were: Mike Skowron (46' 9" throw in the shot put), Steve Montibello (100-meter dash) and John Campbell (6' 4" in the high jump). Individual winners at MIT were: Skowron (47' in shot put), Brian Laprise (second in 3000 meter) and Chris Labarre (third in the 1500-meters).

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g concern about the changing WPI we all (except maybe freshmen) once knew. Again, I'm sure the student body will somehow neglect to give each of you a "thanks" or a round of applause for attending the meetings concerning the Alden Hall renovations, the new project grades proposal, and the WPI name change. Do you need some form of reward or recognition for sacrificing your precious time? Or are we apathetic toward preserving WPI and the unique education it is known for?

Sure everyone was bitching and moaning when the Competency Exam was eliminated, too bad those cries were a few months too late. Maybe next time . . . Maybe next time we can use some of that concern for other WPI proposals.

I know nobody has any time for these "meaningless" school issues. After all, someone else will take care of it — one of those elected officers — don't vote for. That must

be the four students that always attend all the meetings. Actually we don't have enough time for meetings. I figure, we spend 8 hours a day sleeping, 3 hours in class, another 4 doing homework (given the benefit of the doubt), 2 hours eating, and at least 3 bullshitting around or participating in sports. Wow! That leaves a lengthy 4 hours to clean your room and do your laundry!!

Let's face it, a half an hour a week won't kill you. And it probably will help you. And others. I know you're the majority — all 98% of you — but you'd be surprised how much even a little student concern can disrupt and influence the system and the administration. Voice your opinions — there are plenty of opportunities — and maybe for once the students can control or at least greatly influence what happens now and in the future at WPI.

Peter Mullen CE '89
Acting Academic Committee Chairman

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OAC INTERSESSION COURSES

OAC will be teaching the following three intercession courses this January. "Introduction to the AT&T 6300 PC" is a basic course for those with little or no computer experience. Topics covered include basic system hardware, MS-DOS (Disk Operating System), and several commonly used packages such as PC-Write, PC-File, and ExpressCalc.

"Technical Word Processing" is an introduction to the software package called Tj3). This word processing package is designed for technical papers that include mathematical formulas, scientific notations, diagrams, and other special text.

"Word Processing with PC-Write" is an in-depth discussion of word processing using the PC-Write software package. Emphasis will be placed on those features used for writing papers and reports. The PC-Write spelling checker and mail merge functions will also be presented.

The cost for enrollment in each course is five dollars for diskettes (provided by OAC). If you are interested in attending any of these courses, sign up at the OAC main office, Project Center room 103. Enrollment space in intercession courses is limited, so sign up as soon as possible! At the present time, very few spaces are available for the AT&T introduction and technical word processing courses. Many openings still exist for the PC-Write course. For more information, contact Don Farley at OAC, Project Center room 105, ext. 5197.

BEST OF OAC NEWSLETTER: MATHEMATICAL PROCEDURES

Professors Adriaan Walther and David Cyganski and C.S. Graduate Student Teresa Chiang have released a collection of mathematical procedures written in PASCAL, together with demonstration

programs and explanatory message files. The disk, available at OAC User Services, contains:

COMPLEX: A set of procedures to work with complex numbers, including a number of the common transcendental functions: sin, log, arctan, etc.

DFT: A collection of procedures operating on complex vectors where the number of elements equals a power of 2. The central procedure is a discrete Fourier transform routine. Applications are found primarily in the area of linear systems theory.

GAUSS: Gaussian integration procedures using 6, 12, 24, and 48 sampling points.

ROMBERG: An integration routine adapting the number of sampling points to the accuracy desired.

SIMPSON: A procedure for the well known Simpson Integration routine.

GAUSSELL: A procedure used to solve sets of linear equations by Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting.

GIGENVAL: A procedure to determine the eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix.

LEASTSQ: A procedure to determine the least square linear fit to a set of number pairs.

TUTORIAL SCHEDULE

OAC tutorials on the AT&T PC and associated software packages have been completed for B-term 86. A similar series of tutorials will be repeated in C-term 87. Look for the new schedule in the OAC NEWSLETTER or on the WPICTV bulletin board during the first week of C-term 87.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The Office of Academic Computing would like to wish the WPI faculty, staff and students a happy, safe, and restful holiday season.

Hot Local Talent Rocks Gompei's Place . . .

by Jon Pollard and Paul Morgan

Tuesday night at Gompei's place saw two impressive acts that were a welcome relief from the all too popular dance music. The first act was a duo of talented guitar players: Tom McCormick ('87 EE) of Farnum Street fame and Fares Eidi ('87 ME). The two sat down with acoustic guitars and began an informal presentation beginning with "Take it Easy" by the Eagles. They continued to play for 90 minutes sticking to mellow songs interspersed with an occasional joke and plugs for the holiday party at Founder's Hall featuring Farnum Street. "Concealed beverages is the key word," said McCormick. They did a couple of Crosby, Stills, and Nash songs, including an impressive cover of "Ohio." Other highpoints of the fourteen song set were "America" by Simon and Garfunkel, "Sister Golden Hair" by Neil Young and the Farnum Street Original "5:1 Ratio Blues." Overall, the two had very good harmony and quality guitar playing which made up for the average vocals.

The next act, Tom Barter, was led in in handcuffs, and once released, started playing hard hitting rock. He opened with "Won't Get Fooled Again" by the Who, and kept playing for an hour and a half, keeping the packed house enthusiastic throughout. His second song was an original called "I'm over the edge" a song about Friday nights and the following mornings. Switching between acoustic and electric guitars, he displayed equal skill with both. His act consisted of mostly Pink Floyd and Who songs. He did several songs from "The Wall," including "Mother" and "Comfortably Numb." During the latter he missed a couple of notes but the guitar work was still sterling. My only complaint is that his voice lacked the haunting quality which Roger Waters' possesses.

While his cover of "Comfortably Numb" was only mediocre, the rest of the act was superior. Personal favorites were "Angie" by the Rolling Stones and "Locomotive Breath" by Jethro Tull. Other crowd pleasers were Led Zeppelin's "Your time is gonna come" and an original tune about an unfaithful girlfriend titled "The Pig." After seventeen songs, the crowd asked for more so he played "Acid Queen," from the Who movie soundtrack "Tommy." The five minute guitar solo at the end was reminiscent of Pete Townsend at Woodstock. To several cheers and a crowd still wanting more, Barter was again handcuffed and led of stage. More Soccomm Coffee Houses such as this one will surely leave many music fans that prefer music with more guts than Madonna, happily satisfied.

Tom Barter is a "sanitary engineer" in Riley Hall

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original pieces and ended with a special version of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

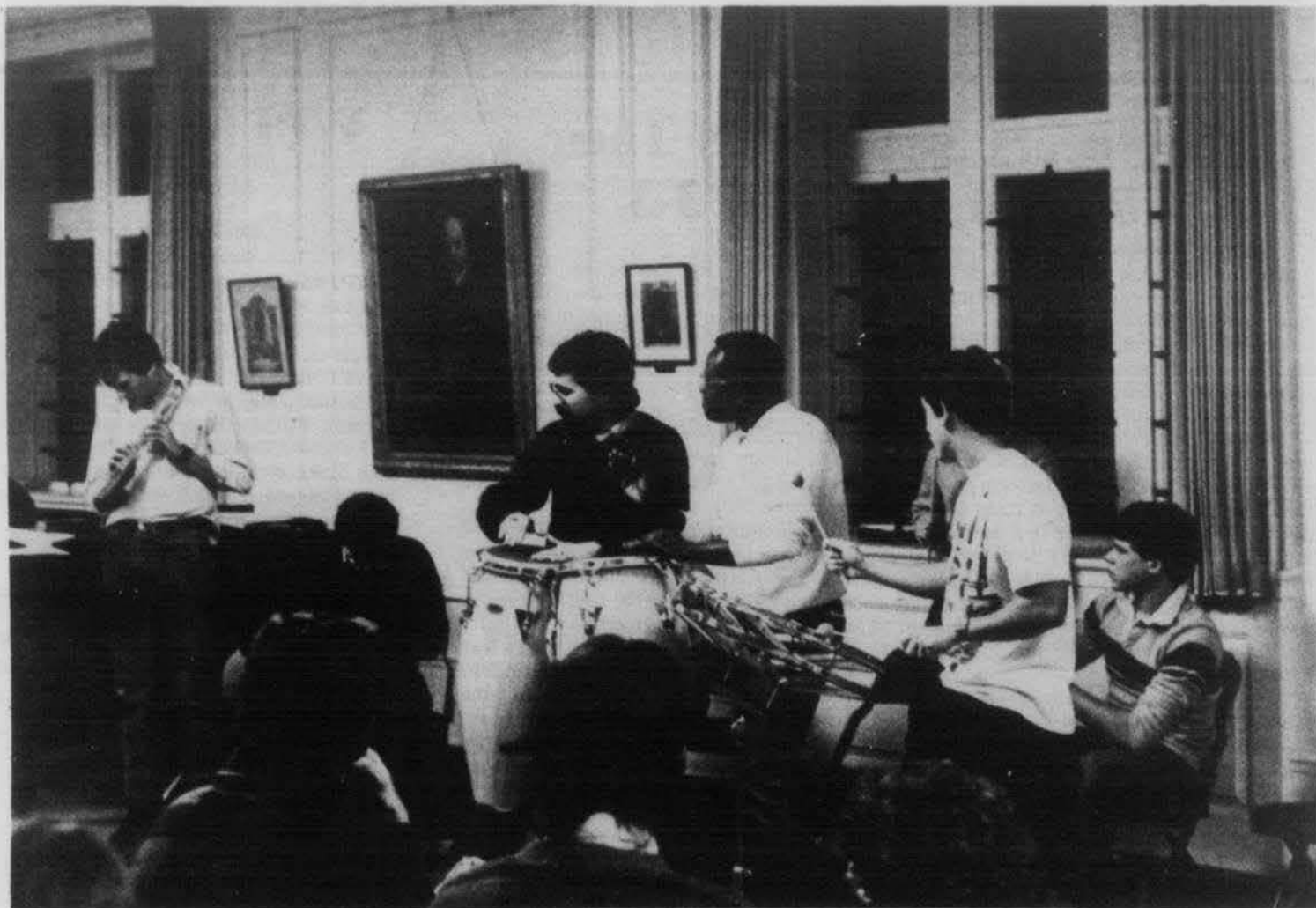
Those of you who missed the Christmas Party will have to wait another year but Farnum Street will be playing at Ralph's and in the Pub in the near future. The band would like to thank those who came for putting up with the erratic sound system. The Founder's Hall Council would like to thank Paul Morgan for his help with security and Tom Murphy of DAKA for helping to make the party a success.

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went crazy at the sight of him, played to perfection by pledge Steven Schivick. Each child received their gift from Santa and told him their christmas list. One child asked for a switchblade and another asked for a motorcycle. All the children were happy with their presents except Brian. Brian said this of his toy, "CRAYONS . . . this SUCKS. I get crayons and everybody else gets transformers. !!!!!!!" Well, even Santa makes mistakes. Both the brothers of Sig Ep and the children of the Webster Square Day Care Center had a great time and kicked off the christmas season with a bang.

The christmas party was the second charity event of the term for Sig Ep. The Pledge class sponsored a phonathon to raise money for the Heart Association during the second week of the term. The Heart Association is Sigma Phi Epsilon's national charity. Local residents generously supported the effort and helped raise over \$500 for the worthy cause.



Ramey Mettle is shown during his African Percussion Workshop held in the Janet Earle Room last Wednesday night.

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Need electrical equipment? Physics Dept. "Cleanout" - available are volt-ohm-ammeters and more. Great for parts, also. Come and make an offer! If interested, contact Jim Shea at WPI vox 1619, or through Physics Dept. mailbox. Proceeds go to Society of Physics Students.

GENESIS TICKETS! For Feb. 16th show. Call Paul at 793-0878 or Kevin at 793-8270.

THESIS OF THE DAY: Peace on earth is possible in our life time. See you in the wedge - Gary.

FOR SALE: 1980 Datsun 210 Wagon 5-speed, New Radials and Brakes, Metallic blue, NO RUST! Great condition, and VERY RELIABLE \$1300 - BOX 2449 or 792-2733.

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WANTED: Compressed Air for Gas Chromatograph, needed immediately for experiments for BB 4050. Thanks to E.S.

Need Help? Odds against you? Call the Equilizer!!! Elapsed time: 6:21

Do you have a problem? If no one else can help, and you can find him, contact T.M.

Jon, now you know you end up on crutches when you kick the plan around.

Genius has its limits, but incompetence knows no bounds.

Hey Gypsy - Chemo saqs "OOBIE DOOBIE."

Dearest Child: Don't ever scoop again unless I know who it is first!!! Mommie Dearest

"cheese, cheese, cheese"

I didn't notice a significant color change.

I can think of no better use for the last Saturday of the term than doing experiments for six hours and twenty-one minutes straight, can you Ed?

Congratulations to all of the new Alpha Gam initiates. We love ya!

I hope he gets coal in his stocking.

To M - That's not what you said last night!

Bridget, Thanks for everything! I love you - Lisa.

Found him on the Squirrel Hunt....

Do the Alpha Gam Shuffle!

I love 1:10 dilutions

Late Happy Birthday, Sunday, John (George) from the LAW CLUB 86. BK(A-1)J(L). K(A-1)J(L)J(G) - Thanks, Law Club! One more test to go!

I can't find comfort in God.
I can't find comfort in others.
I can't find comfort in myself.
I can't find comfort.
This is the life...

'Twas the night before Christmas and up on the Hill
With Jon up in Boynton
The Plan was quite ill.

The teachers were hung
By their records with care

In hopes that the research bucks
Soon would be there.

"Potential just means that you haven't done squat yet"

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO CALL YOUR BOYFRIEND?

- When the president of Phi Gamma Delta asks you to Saturday night's Fiji Formal.
- After racquetball class, to tell him that the instructor with the Australian accent and those blue eyes did wonders for your serve.
- When you just feel like telling him you miss him after all.

Maybe you shouldn't tell him everything that's going on. But if you still care about him, why not call and whisper some sweet things he'll never forget?

Like why you call using AT&T Long Distance Service, and why you trust AT&T's high quality service and exceptional value.

When you tell him that AT&T gives you immediate credit if you dial a wrong number, he won't be able to get you out of his mind.

And telling him you can count on AT&T for clear long distance connections will drive him crazy.

All of which will probably inspire him to drive out for the weekend, giving you an excuse to blow off that silly frat party after all.



The right choice.



From
The Newspeak
Staff

Police Log

Friday December 5

11:30 PM - Officers report identifying resident of Ellsworth apartment shooting off fireworks.

Saturday December 6

12:54 AM - Report of loud music from residence hall. Officer reports talking to residents.

2:40 AM - Officer reports automobile crashed into street lamp. No one was hurt. WPD on their way.

5:17 AM - Student reports a pile of gas caps in Stoddard parking lot taken from cars in the lot. Also, one automobile on Dover St. with broken window.

6:00 PM - Report of a person hit by a vehicle on Institute Rd. between Park Ave. and West St. Sergeant requests that an ambulance respond.

Sunday December 7

1:00 AM - Student calls to report that someone has broken a window in his Ellsworth apartment. Sergeant reports an unknown person threw a rock through the window.

1:10 AM - Snap reports loud noise coming from residence hall. Possibly kegs within. Officer reports clearing residence hall. Party was ended. Keg was confiscated.

1:30 AM - WPD calls requesting officer meet them at Humboldt and Lancaster St. Officer reports transporting female WPI student to her room. Student was intoxicated, having left a fraternity party.

2:20 AM - Sergeant over to Daniels Hall. Students acting in suspicious manner. Officer reports speaking with two students who returned a rug that had been taken from the Daniels Hall area.

2:30 AM - Citizen calls to report loud noise coming from area of Dean and Salisbury St.

Tuesday December 9

12:45 AM - Call received from resident near Park Ave. Officer find large group of students on the baseball field. Students were pledges of fraternity.

5:35 PM - Student in to report that a vehicle had struck another vehicle on West St. No driver in either vehicle. Brake let go and one vehicle rolled down. WPD notified.

Wednesday December 10

8:20 PM - Student in to station to report stolen rims from his vehicle.

10:14 PM - Chief of security at Becker calls to report that fraternity members, approximately 60 in number, were at Becker. Alcohol was in their possession. Individuals were told to leave. Becker police request that WPI cruiser meet their cruiser.

Thursday December 11

3:30 PM - Received a call from residence hall reporting people soliciting money for a boys school. Officers respond. In to station with three subjects. Officers down to WPD with subjects under arrest for soliciting and trespassing.

Humanities Competition Closing

Students planning to enter their Sufficiency Project in the competition for the Class of 1879 Prizes must do so by the 31st of December. The student should submit one copy of the project and a letter stating their

wish to enter the work in the competition to Professor Charles Heventhal, 18 Salisbury Laboratories. Avoid the holiday rush; do it today - tomorrow at the latest.

New ROTC Company to be Activated at WPI

A Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) company of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) was activated in a ceremony in Alden Memorial Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10.

The company was named in honor of Colonel Irving J. Yarock, a native of Worcester who retired from the U.S. Army and Army Reserve in 1969, after more than 30 years of service. Col. Yarock, who now lives in Worcester, was the guest of honor at the ceremony.

Col. Yarock joined the Army after graduating from Rhode Island State College (now the University of Rhode Island). He served in Worcester before being assigned to the 1st Infantry Division as a company commander during World War II and fighting in North Africa, where he was captured in

1942. During his career, he won several awards and honors, including the Bronze Star.

Yarock has been associated with the AUSA for about 30 years. He has served as president, vice president and director of the minute man chapter and was instrumental in bringing about the ROTC AUSA chapter at WPI.

Formed 36 years ago by the merger of the US Army Infantry and Field Artillery Associations, the AUSA has become the voice for the total Army, including active and retired personnel and their families and the ROTC. It is a private, nonprofit educational organization made up of 165,000 military and civilian members with an interest in national security.

... Big Bro

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christmas carols, played games, and ate decorated cookies and cupcakes. Later, Santa Claus arrived and passed out gifts to all the little brothers and sisters. Overall, the students and children had a fun time.

One of the student co-coordinators of the program, Rajeev Kelkar, mentioned that the group's primary goal is "to get the program listed as an official club at WPI." In order to do this, he added, "we must write a constitution and show that we can keep our membership going. [In the future] we plan to present our club to the Student Activities Board."

Students' reasons for becoming a big brother or sister seem very similar. Rajeev Kelkar joined because "I like working for kids." Cyndi Gould, the other student co-

ordinator joined because "It sounded interesting, and I had enough free time to participate."

The director of the Big Brother/Big Sister program, Matthew Ryan stated, "There is always a shortage of people in the group. We could certainly use another twenty-five students, but students have high priorities, and their participation is completely voluntary."

This week, informational newsletters will be distributed to WPI students (via their mailboxes), describing the program in greater detail. Students interested in participating in the Big Brother/Big Sister program may contact Rajeev Kelkar at WPI box 2770.



Reason number 26 why you should join the **Newspeak** staff: We had a party with the staffs of other Worcester college newspapers and plan on doing it again, often.

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